

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-9, 12, 15, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application and are presented for consideration.

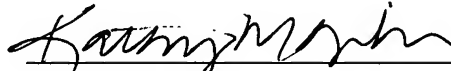
Claims 5, 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits that claims 5, 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

During a telephone interview on February 2, 2005 and in the Interview Summary dated February 7, 2005, Examiner Soohoo indicated that the independent claims would be allowable over the cited prior art if they included the limitation of a detachable closure upon the control end opening of the passageway. The limitation has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by telephone conference or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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